

HIV/AIDS & Minority Women

- ♀ Through June 2000, of the 753,907 AIDS cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 129,190 occurred in females. Black and Hispanic women accounted for roughly **77%** of those cases, and Asian American/Pacific Islander (AA/PI) and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) women comprised nearly **1%** of those cases. A similar trend is seen in new HIV infections among women.¹
- ♀ The proportion of AIDS cases among women, especially among women of color, continues to rise. From July 1999 through June 2000, women represented **24%** of new AIDS cases compared to only **11%** in 1990 and **6%** in 1982.²
- ♀ From July 1999 - June 2000, Black and Hispanic women accounted for **81%** of AIDS cases reported among women.¹
- ♀ Females across racial/ethnic groups more commonly report **heterosexual contact** and **injection drug use** as the primary modes of exposure to HIV, while AA/PI females more commonly report heterosexual contact.¹
- ♀ In areas with confidential HIV reporting, persons ages 13 to 24 accounted for **16%** of newly reported HIV cases (not AIDS) between July 1999 - June 2000. Of these persons, females accounted for **48%** of the cases in this age group.¹
- ♀ HIV/AIDS was the **third** leading cause of death among African American women ages 25 to 44 in 1998. In that year, the AIDS death rate for African American women ages 25 to 44 was **twenty-one times higher** than the AIDS death rate for White women in the same age group.²

For more information on HIV/AIDS and women, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-458-5231 or on the Internet at www.cdcnpin.org

The terms "African American" and "Black" are used interchangeably to include those individuals who self-identify as either. The term "Hispanic" includes those individuals who self-identify as "Latino/a" or "Hispanic."

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, 2000*; Vol. 12 (No. 1).

² National Center for Health Statistics, *National Vital Statistics Reports*, July 2000.

